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SUBJECT: JCMB prep-meeting(s) for London Conference

¶1. (U) This cable reports the draft agenda, as of December 14, for the 13th session of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board (JCMB) scheduled for January 20, 2010. The 27 Heads of Mission for Afghanistan's major donors will gather at this session, co-chaired by Finance Minister Zakhilwal and UNAMA's Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan Kai Eide. The JCMB session will focus on security, governance, and economic development, aiming to decide and prioritize the key themes for the London Conference on January 28. Before the full-JCMB session, two committees will convene to decide the agenda items listed 1-5 below. The Combined Social and Economic Development and Governance Standing Committee will meet on January 12 and the Security Standing Committee will meet on January 13. Minister Zakhilwal told CDDEA Ambassador Wayne on December 16 that after his conversation with UK DFID Secretary of State Alexander he is satisfied that the UK is on the same wave length with him on the London Conference agenda (Details Septel).

¶2. (U) Begin text from JCMB of the January 20 agenda:

Decision Items:

¶1. Strengthening security sector reform institutions and Afghan responsibilities: endorsement of growth and reform plans for the Afghan National Security Forces.

¶2. Presentation and discussion of the Afghan Government's short-term reform agenda.

¶3. Endorsement of the Afghan Government's plan to focus ANDS implementation on economic growth by organizing its effort around several clusters of ministries.

Updates:

¶4. Briefing by Afghan Finance Minister on recommendations to improve budget execution rates.

¶5. Briefing by Afghan Finance Minister on findings from the latest Donor Financial Review, status of international community pledges from prior JCMB meetings, and request for donors to channel more assistance through the GIROA's budget.

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